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## Letter dated 22 December 2000 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to forward, enclosed herewith, a letter from Mr. Zoran Zizic, Prime Minister of the Federal Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, relative to the mandate of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Prevlaka (UNMOP), addressed to you (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Vladislav **Mladenovic**
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## Annex to the letter dated 22 December 2000 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to address you on behalf of the Federal Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia regarding the forthcoming consideration of the question of the mandate of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Prevlaka (UNMOP) in the Security Council.

The Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia highly appreciates the contribution rendered by the United Nations Mission to the maintenance of stability and the established system of security in Prevlaka thus far and considers that its presence continues to be necessary for the purpose of strengthening confidence and creating conditions for finding an acceptable solution to the question.

The Federal Republic of Yugoslavia considers that the question of Prevlaka is a bilateral issue which should be resolved in a direct and open dialogue with the Republic of Croatia. The major democratic changes that have taken place in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and the establishment of a new Government in the Republic of Croatia will make it possible to step up the solution of the question of Prevlaka in a mutually acceptable way.

I would also like to point out on this occasion that good-neighbourliness and cooperation with its neighbours is one of the main foreign-policy priorities of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. On behalf of the Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, I invite representatives of the Republic of Croatia to engage with us, as soon as possible, in concrete negotiations in the spirit of the present democratic changes and with respect for mutual interests, as well as the declared desires to improve our relations, in an attempt to solve the question of Prevlaka in good faith.

Bearing in mind the fact that the proposed negotiations will take some time, the Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia expects that, proceeding from its primary responsibility for the maintenance of peace and security, the Security Council will take a decision to extend the mandate of UNMOP until 15 July 2001.

Oriented towards peace, cooperation and dialogue and committed to the respect of the principles of international law and the Charter of the United Nations, the Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia reiterates once again its readiness to have the question of Prevlaka resolved as soon as possible in a mutually acceptable way, which would provide an additional stimulus to the strengthening of bilateral relations between the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and the Republic of Croatia.

(*Signed*) Zoran **Zizic**